

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the interview with the undersigned on March 13, 2003. In addition to the proposed changes discussed at that interview, applicant's representative noted that it is more accurate to describe the density of the slots as viewed in a circumferential direction of the screen body, not in the direction of the coil axis. The direction of the coil axis is the direction for the line-of-sight paths.

Applicant now believes that the claims, including claims 17 and 22, fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2. In addition, applicant submits that claims thoroughly define over any arguable combination of Lai et al. in view of Donohoe under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). As pointed out at the interview, applicant believes that the reliance upon Donohoe is misplaced as that document refers to an electrostatic shield that is placed outside the chamber, not within the chamber. As was also pointed out at the interview, the Lai et al. reactor does not provide free line-of-sight paths from the chamber wall to the coil axis. Thus, even if, for argument's sake, it could be accepted that the teachings of Lai et al. and Donohoe were properly combinable without the exercise of impermissible hindsight reconstruction, the resulting hypothetical combination still would not teach or suggest the arrangement of claim 13 or the method of claim 19.

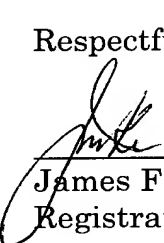
Accordingly, reconsideration of the § 103 rejection and allowance of all of the claims in this case are now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #622/49809).

Respectfully submitted,

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